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Word from Washington is that Allen W. Dulles will retire as the director of the Central Intelligence Agency by the end of this year. President Kennedy's apparent choice is Fowler Hamilton, a Wall Street lawyer.

Mr. Dulles' service in the intelligence field has spanned World War II and the OSS, peacetime and the establishment of the CIA.

Many of the people inclined to be critical of the CIA information concerning Cuba, have, like us, not seen the reports that were submitted. Our guess is that like most intelligence reports, those on Cuba were only as good as the judgment of the people who used them and the actions that these same people were willing to take.

The gathering of intelligence and the forecasting of an enemy's actions remain an inexact science. As long as mind-reading is impossible, the correct prediction of any individual's, or any country's, actions becomes a matter where guesswork is involved.

Intensive efforts have been made by this nation to strengthen our intelligence and espionage capabilities. These efforts in peacetime are a new endeavor and are comparatively short-lived.

Mr. Dulles can take a great deal of the credit for moving us out of the amateur ranks in this field.